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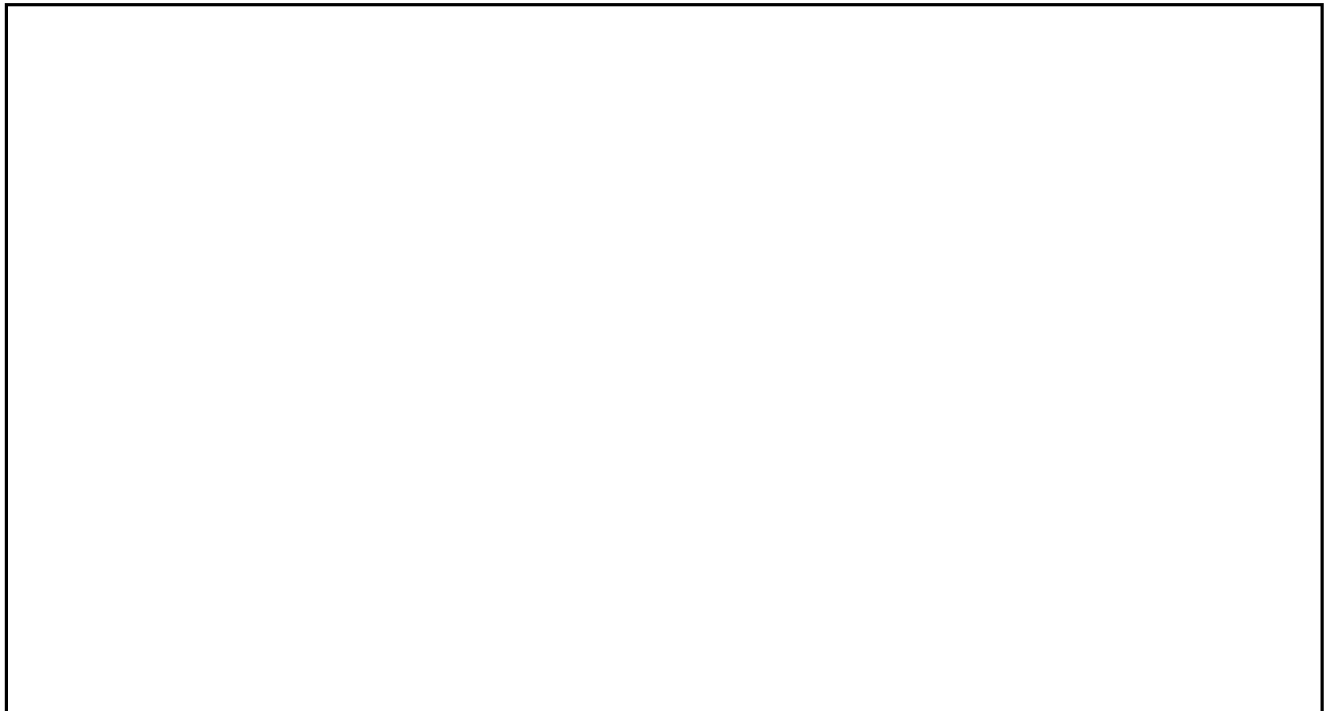
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29 April 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence *RS*
SUBJECT : Agency-Academic Seminars, April 21-23

1. Our round of discussions on developments in Communist China with groups of China specialists in the Midwest, the Northwest and San Francisco Bay area went well and without adverse incident. In every case--Chicago, Seattle, and San Francisco--the physical arrangements and advance planning [redacted] were excellent. The Agency team consisted of: [redacted] Chief, Special Research Staff; [redacted] Special Assistant to the Director for China Affairs; [redacted] Special Research Staff; [redacted] OCI China Division; and [redacted] OER.

2. Our session at Chicago on Monday, 21 April, included ten academics drawn from six universities (see attached list). The Chicago group, much to my horror, included four economists. Consequently, I added [redacted] of OER to our team for the Chicago seminar. He returned to Headquarters the following morning, the 22nd.



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4. We devoted about half the evening's discussion to the economic picture. The rest of the time we discussed Chinese Communist foreign policy and some of the consequences of the Cultural Revolution. Several had to break off early for return flights. If I organize another such session in Chicago, I will plan to start the meeting much earlier, perhaps making it a luncheon and afternoon session, rather than an evening meeting.

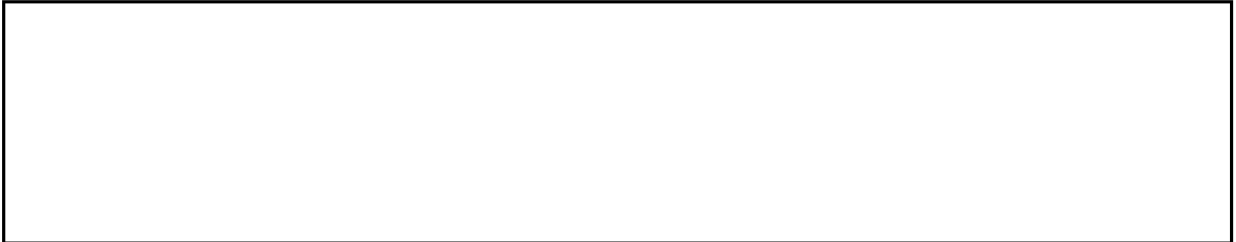
5. Tuesday morning the 22nd, we flew on to Seattle where we were installed in some splendor at the Washington Athletic Club. The meeting that evening was attended by ten academics drawn from the University of Washington, and Seattle University. George Taylor, a key figure in Far East Studies at the University of Washington, had to cancel at the last minute because he had to host a visit to the campus by Li Chi, a very well known anthropologist and member of the academia sinica from Taiwan, touring the U.S. under State Department auspices. Most of the members of our team were meeting most of the Seattle participants for the first time. The session went very well and the discussion throughout the evening was quite spirited. Four young academics in particular--Townsend, Gasster, Buxbaum, and Mann--were very good on both domestic and foreign policy questions. We spent most of the evening on the nature of power and power relationships in Chinese politics and on Sino-Soviet relations as reflected in the border dispute.

6. At San Francisco, Wednesday evening, 23 April, we met with 13 academics from seven Bay area universities. The Bay area group is always outstanding. We missed the presence of Bob Scalapino from Berkeley, but the discussion throughout the evening was very high professional caliber.


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Our group was fairly tired by Wednesday evening, and I suspect our performance sagged a little as a result. The next time I organize a series such as this, I will provide a day's break between the second and third session.

7. At least five of the academic participants are writing on various aspects of the Cultural Revolution so that subject



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8. On Thursday and Friday,  and I had a series of follow-up sessions at Berkeley, Stanford, and the Hoover Institution with individuals working in the China field.

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9. I believe it was a successful excursion from all points of view.



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Chief, DD/I/Special Research Staff and
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DATE: 29 April 69

TO: ~~Mr. Proctor~~
Mr. Smith

FROM:

MORNING MEETING?

SUBJECT: Agency Academic-Seminars,
21-23 April

REMARKS:

Attached is
report on his three recent
seminars on Communist China
in Chicago, Seattle, and
San Francisco.

*32 academies
from 15 Universities.*

*Reported at morning
meeting on 30 April
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